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LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:

I' WILL JUST MAKE A VERY FEW REMARKS. THE SERIES OF MEET-
INGS THAT ARE TAKING PLACE THIS WEEK, AT THE IEA TODAY,
THE OECD TOMORROW, FOLLOWED BY THE NATO SUMMIT REPRESENT
A KIND OF ARCHITECTURE OF THE STRUCTURE OF THE WORLD AS
WE CAN FORESEE IT DEVELOPING. I WILL NOT TALK ABOUT THE
NATO SUMMIT TODAY. I WILL MAKE A FEW REMARKS ABOUT THE
IEA AND THE OECD. WE CONSIDER THE PROGRESS THAT HAS
BEEN MADE IN ENERGY COOPERATION AMONG THE MEMBERS OF THE
IEA ONE OF THE MOST SIGNIFICANT ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE
RECENT PERIOD. IT SYMBOLIZES THE ABILITY OF THE INDUS-
TRIAL DEMOCRACIES TO WORK TOGETHER ON A COMMON PROBLEM.
THEY HAVE LAID A FOUNDATION OF MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENT IN
A VERY BRIEF PERIOD OF TIME SINCE THE WASHINGTON ENERGY
CONFERENCE OF FEBRUARY 1974. THE MEETING TODAY AND THE
AMERICAN POSITION AT THAT MEETING WAS DESIGNED TO TAKE
STOCK OF WHAT HAS BEEN ACHIEVED AND TO CHART THE COURSE
FOR THE FUTURE. IT OUTLINED THE AMERICAN PROPOSALS,
OUTLINED THE OBJECTIVES IN THE FIELD OF CONSERVATION,
THE DEVELOPMENT OF ALTERNATIVE SOURCES, THE EMPHASIS ON
NUCLEAR POWER, THE JOINT EFFORTS IN RESEARCH AND DEVELOP-
MENT THAT WE BELIEVE CAN BE UNDERTAKEN BY THE IEA IN THE
IMMEDIATE FUTURE AND THAT MUST BE UNDERTAKEN IF THE
OBJECTIVE CONDITIONS THAT PRODUCED THE ENERGY CRISIS ARE
TO BE ALLEVIATED AND, OVER A PERIOD OF TIME, ELIMINATED.
WE BELIEVE THAT THESE OBJECTIVES ARE WITHIN OUR CAPACITY
TO ACHIEVE. AN IMPORTANT ASPECT OF OUR VIEW AND THAT OF
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OUR COLLEAGUES IN THE IEA HAS TO DO WITH PRODUCER/
CONSUMER RELATIONS, AND THIS HAS TO BE SEEN IN THE CON-
TEXT OF WHAT WE SHALL DO AT THE OECD TOMORROW, MAINLY TO
SKETCH A NEW AND, WE HOPE, CONSTRUCTIVE APPROACH TO
THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES AND
THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. WITH RESPECT TO THE CONSUMER/
PRODUCER DIALOGUE WE HAVE PROPOSED A MEANS BY WHICH THE
STALEMATE OF THE LAST CONFERENCE CAN HOPEFULLY BE OVER-

COME, BY WHICH IT IS POSSIBLE TO HAVE DISCUSSIONS ON ENERGY WHICH TAKE PLACE CONCURRENTLY WITH DISCUSSIONS ON RAW MATERIALS AND DEVELOPMENT IN PROBABLY DIFFERENT FORUMS THAT ARE RELATED TO EACH OTHER BUT WHERE EACH WORKS ON ITS OWN SCHEDULE. TOGETHER WITH THE SPECIFIC PROPOSALS THAT WE HAVE MADE WITH RESPECT TO RAW MATERIALS PREVIOUSLY AND THAT WE SHALL ELABORATE TOMORROW WE HOPE THAT THE POSSIBILITY HAS BEEN CREATED FOR A CONSTRUCTIVE DIALOGUE BETWEEN CONSUMERS AND PRODUCERS ON ENERGY AND BETWEEN INDUSTRIALIZED AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES ON A LOCAL BASIS. THIS IS THE APPROACH THAT THE UNITED STATES IS PUTTING FORWARD, WHICH WE BELIEVE HAS THE SUBSTANTIAL SUPPORT OF OUR PARTNERS, AND IT OFFERS HOPE FOR PROGRESS IN THE FIELD OF ENERGY AND, WE HOPE, FOR A CONSTRUCTIVE DIALOGUE WITH THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

QUESTION: MR. SECRETARY, THE COMMISSIONS YOU PROPOSED TODAY, ARE THEY ENTIRELY DISCUSSION GROUPS AND, IF NOT, WHAT ELSE WOULD THEY DO?

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SECRETARY: THE COMMISSIONS WE PROPOSED - THREE
COMMISSIONS - ALTHOUGH WE ARE OPEN-MINDED ON THIS: ON
ENERGY, ON RAW MATERIALS AND ON DEVELOPMENT. THESE
COMMISSIONS ARE TO REVIEW THE WHOLE RANGE OF PROBLEMS IN
THEIR FIELDS. IN THE CASE OF ENERGY THE
COMMISSION SHOULD BE, IN EFFECT, THE ENERGY CONFERENCE.
IN THE CASE OF RAW MATERIALS AND DEVELOPMENT, THERE ARE
OTHER NEGOTIATIONS GOING ON IN OTHER FORUMS, AND THE ROLE
OF THESE COMMISSIONS WOULD BE TO PULL TOGETHER THE WORK
IN THESE OTHER FORUMS, TO (I SUPPOSE FORA IS THE
CORRECT WORD) TO MONITOR IT, TO ORIENT I, AND THEREFORE
PERHAPS THE EMPHASIS IN EACH GROUP WOULD BE SOMEWHAT
DIFFERENT. BUT WE ARE NOT RPT NOT LOOKING AT THEM AS
SIMPLY DISCUSSION GROUPS BUT AS GROUPS THAT WILL
CONTRIBUTE TO THE SOLUTION OF THE OUTSTANDING PROBLEMS.

QUESTION: MR. SECRETARY, HOW DO YOU RESPOND TO THE RE-
ACTIONS YOU ARE BOUND TO GET FROM SOME OF THE PRODUCING
NATIONS THAT THIS MERELY POSTPONES COMING TO GRIPS WITH

THE ISSUES AND THAT IT PUTS THE DISCUSSION OFF INTO THE
DISTANT FUTURE?

SECRETARY: FIRST OF ALL I DO NOT BELIEVE THAT THIS IS
THE REACTION THAT WE WILL GET FROM THE PRODUCING
NATIONS BECAUSE WE HAVE HAD SOME PRELIMINARY TALKS WITH
AT LEAST SOME PRODUCING NATIONS IN WHICH THAT PARTICULAR
VIEW - IN WHICH THAT PARTICULAR CRITICISM WAS NOT RPT
NOT RAISED. SECONDLY, IF IT WERE RAISED, IT WOULD
NOT RPT NOT BE A VALID CRITICISM BECAUSE IN OUR
GOVERNMENT, AS IS WELL KNOWN, THERE WAS A RATHER
FIRM OBJECTION TO DISCUSSING THE ISSUE OF RAW
MATERIALS AT ALL, AND THEREFORE THE READINESS OF THE
UNITED STATES TO DISCUSS RAW MATERIALS WITHIN THE
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FRAMEWORK THAT WE HAVE PROPOSED IS A STEP THAT WAS
DELIBERATELY INTENDED TO TELL THE DEVELOPING NATIONS
THAT WE WERE LISTENING TO THEIR CONCERNS, AND THAT WHILE
WE MAY NOT RPT NOT AGREE WITH THEIR SOLUTIONS, AND IN
MANY CASES DO NOT RPT NOT AGREE WITH THEIR SOLUTIONS,
WE ARE WILLING TO LISTEN TO THEIR CONCERNS, TO DISCUSS
THEM AND TO TRY TO FIND EQUITABLE ANSWERS. THE
PARTICULAR PROCEDURE THAT WE HAVE PROPOSED IS NOT RPT NOT
INTENDED TO POSTPONE THE SOLUTION BUT RATHER TO
ACCELERATE IT. IF EVERYTHING WERE DISCUSSED IN ONE
COMMISSION OR IN ONE CONFERENCE, IT WOULD B INCAPABLE
OF BEING BROUGHT TO A POINT. BY DISCUSSING IT IN
SEPARATE COMMISSIONS, EACH OF WHICH CAN THEN REVIEW THE
WORK THAT MAY ALREADY BE GOING ON IN OTHER FORUMS BUT
SUPPLEMENT IT WHEN THAT IS NECESSARY, WE BELIEVE WE HAVE
PROPOSED A PROCEDURE THAT CAN LEAD TO AS RAPID A
CONCLUSION AS THE TECHNICAL COMPLEXITY OF THE SUBJECT
PERMITS. OUR INTENTION WAS NOT RPT NOT TO PUT IT INTO
THE DISTANT FUTURE BUT TO COME FORWARD WITH A PROPOSAL
THAT IS SOMETHING OTHER THAN A HUGE MEETING LIKE THE
SPECIAL SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND IS SPECIFIC
ENOUGH TO MEET THE CONCERNS OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES
AS WELL AS REFLECT OUR OWN INTERESTS.

QUESTION: MR. SECRETARY, HOW DO YOU EXPLAIN THE CHANGE
IN OPINION SINCE LAST APRIL (IN THE U.S. REGARDING
COMMODITIES)?

SECRETARY: YOU HAVE TO SEPARATE TWO THINGS. ONE IS THE
ATTITUDE WE TOOK AT THE PRODUCER/CONSUMER CONFERENCE
AND WE ARE STILL OPPOSED TO DISCUSSING ENERGY
DEVELOPMENT AND RAW MATERIALS ALL IN ONE BIG MEETING.
BUT WE ARE NOT RPT NOT OPPOSED TO DISCUSSING THEM IN A
WAY WHERE THEIR RELATIONSHIP IS ESTABLISHED. SO WE HAVE

NOT RPT NOT IN THIS RESPECT CHANGED OUR VIEW TOTALLY.
WITH RESPECT TO THE SECOND, WE HAVE HAD A STUDY IN OUR
GOVERNMENT LOOKING AT THE PROBLEM OF RAW MATERIALS
WHICH HAS BEEN GOING ON FOR MONTHS AND WHICH CAME TO
FRUITION IN RECENT WEEKS. THAT STUDY HAD ALWAYS BEEN
POINTED TOWARD THE TIME OF THE OECD MEETING AND THE
SPECIAL SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY. WITH RESPECT
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TO THIS, WHAT THE UNITED STATES WANTS TO DO IS TO SHOW
ITS WILLINGNESS, AS I POINTED OUT, TO DISCUSS ISSUES
THAT ARE OF GREAT CONCERN TO A MAJOR PART OF MANKIND.
WE WILL NOT RPT NOT NECESSARILY ACCEPT THEIR VIEWS ON
THE SPECIFIC REMEDIES. WE FOR EXAMPLE, ARE NOT RPT NOT
IN FAVOR OF INDEXATION, BUT WE HAVE TURNED ATTENTION
TO THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE INDUSTRIAL AND DEVELOP-
ING COUNTRIES. THIS IS NOT RPT NOT A CHANGE AND IS
NOT RPT NOT SUDDEN. IT HAS BEEN IN PREPARATION FOR

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MONTHS AS A RESULT OF A SERIES OF INTERDEPARTMENTAL
STUDIES, AND IT WAS JUST BROUGHT TO A FOCUS AT THIS
MOMENT.

QUESTION: MR. SECRETARY (INAUDIBLE, IN SUBSTANCE, ASKS
IF SECRETARY HAS RECEIVED SUPPORT FOR HIS APPROACH IN
BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS WITH ANY MAJOR OPEC NATION).

SECRETARY: YES, WE HAVE. I DO NOT WANT TO EMBARRASS
ANY OPEC COUNTRY, AND OBVIOUSLY THEY ARE GOING TO MAKE
THEIR OWN DECISIONS, BUT WE HAVE HAD EXPLORATORY TALKS
WITH A NUMBER OF OPEC COUNTRIES, AND MY IMPRESSION IS
THAT THIS GENERAL APPROACH WILL FIND SOME SUPPORT. IN
FACT, IT HAS FOUND SUPPORT AMONG THE COUNTRIES WITH
WHICH IT WAS DISCUSSED, WHICH IS, HOWEVER, NOT RPT NOT
ALL THE OPEC COUNTRIES.

QUESTION: MR. SECRETARY, WHAT WOULD BE THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN VARIOUS COMMISSIONS? WOULD PROGRESS IN ONE COMMISSION DEPEND ON PROGRESS IN OTHER COMMISSIONS?

SECRETARY: IN OUR VIEW THAT IS NOT RPT NOT NECESSARILY THE CASE. AS I UNDERSTAND THE VIEW OF AT LEAST SOME OF THE OPEC COUNTRIES, THEIR VIEW WAS NOT RPT NOT THAT ALL WORK HAD TO BE CONCLUDED SIMULTANEOUSLY, BUT THAT THEY WANTED TO MAKE SURE THAT WE WOULD NOT RPT NOT TALK ONLY OF THE COMMODITY THAT CONCERNED US WHILE ALL OTHER ISSUES WERE LEFT FOR SOME INDETERMINATE FUTURE. THEREFORE EACH COMMISSION SHOULD SET ITS OWN PACE, AND ITS CONCLUSIONS SHOULD NOT RPT NOT NECESSARILY BE DEPENDENT ON THE CONCLUSIONS OF THE OTHER COMMISSIONS. BUT NO RPT NO DOUBT AS THE WORK DEVELOPS THERE WILL BE OPPORTUNITIES FOR EXCHANGES OF VIEWS BETWEEN THE COMMISSIONS, AND I UNCLASSIFIED

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THINK WE SHOULD KEEP AN OPEN MIND AS THIS WORK CONTINUES. THE POINT I WANT TO MAKE IS THAT THE UNITED STATES IS PREPARED TO MAKE A SERIOUS EFFORT WITH GOOD WILL AND A COOPERATIVE ATTITUDE TO DEAL WITH THESE PROBLEMS, AND THAT WE ARE CALLING ON THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IN THE ENERGY FIELD AND ON THE PRODUCING COUNTRIES TO AVOID CONFRONTATION AND TO DEAL WITH THE PRACTICAL PROBLEMS. THAT WILL BE THE THEME OF MY SPEECH AT OECD TOMORROW.

QUESTION: WITH RESPECT TO THE CONFERENCE IN GENEVA ON THE MIDDLE EAST, WHAT IS YOUR EXPECTATION ABOUT IT?

SECRETARY: WITH RESPECT TO THE CONFERENCE AT GENEVA. AS YOU KNOW PRESIDENT FORD IS MEETING PRESIDENT SADAT THIS WEEKEND. HE WILL SUBSEQUENTLY BE WITH PRIME MINISTER RABIN. UNTIL THOSE DISCUSSIONS HAVE BEEN COMPLETED, IT WILL BE DIFFICULT FOR US TO MAKE A JUDGMENT WHEN THE GENEVA CONFERENCE CAN BE RESUMED. I HAVE STATED PUBLICLY THAT WE BELIEVE THAT THE GENEVA CONFERENCE IS A PROBABLE OUTCOME OF THE PRESENT EVOLUTION. I AM ALSO PLANNING TO MEET AGAIN WITH SOVIET FOREIGN MINISTER GROMYKO, PROBABLY IN JULY. AT THAT POINT WE WILL BE ABLE TO GIVE A CLEARER VIEW AS TO WHEN THE GENEVA CONFERENCE IS LIKELY TO BE REASSEMBLED.

QUESTION: IN WHAT TIME FRAME WOULD YOU PUT THE RESUMPTION OF THE PREPARATORY CONFERENCE?

SECRETARY: WE HAVE HAD A PRELIMINARY TALK TODAY

WITH OUR PARTNERS IN THE IEA AND I HAD THE IMPRESSION-
ALTHOUGH I DO NOT RPT DO NOT THINK ANY FORMAL DECISION
HAS YET BEEN TAKEN - THAT THE GENERAL APPROACH
OUTLINED WAS FAVORABLY RECEIVED. WE WILL OF COURSE
BE IN CLOSE TOUCH AFTER COMPLETING OUR DISCUSSIONS IN
THE IEA WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF FRANCE, AS THE
CONVENING COUNTRY, AND WE WOULD OF COURSE EXPECT THAT
FRANCE WOULD AGAIN ACT AS THE CONVENING COUNTRY. WE
SET NO RPT NO EXACT TIME FRAME, BUT WE HAVE NO RPT NO
PARTICULAR REASON FOR DELAY EITHER, SO SOMETIME OVER
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THE NEXT FEW MONTHS I BELIEVE THAT THE TIME WOULD BE
APPROPRIATE.

QUESTION: DO YOU BELIEVE THAT THIS NEW AMERICAN
PROPOSAL WILL HEAD OFF AN OIL PRICE INCREASE IN
SEPTEMBER?

SECRETARY: WELL, THE OIL PRICE INCREASE, THE PROJECTED
OIL PRICE INCREASE, DEPENDS OF COURSE ON MANY

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CONSIDERATIONS. WE CANNOT RPT CANNOT GEAR OUR
NEGOTIATIONS TO AN ATTEMPT TO HEAD OFF AN OIL PRICE
INCREASE. THE UNITED STATES POSITION IS THAT AN OIL
PRICE INCREASE WOULD BE ECONOMICALLY UNJUSTIFIED; THAT
OIL PRICES ARE AT HISTORIC HIGHS, AND - AS RECENT
STUDIES HAVE SHOWN - THAT THE PRICE OF OTHER RAW
MATERIALS HAS NOT RPT NOT BEEN OUT OF LINE. SO WE
WOULD OPPOSE AN OIL PRICE INCREASE, AND WE HOPE THAT THE
OPEC COUNTRIES WILL REFLECT FURTHER ON THE IMPACT ON THE
WORLD ECONOMY OF A CONTINUAL INCREASE IN OIL PRICES.

QUESTION: (INAUDIBLE, IN SUBSTANCES ASKS WHY SECRETARY
DID NOT RPT NOT MENTION UNCTAD IN HIS IEA SPEECH, AND IF

HE OPPOSES AN UNCTAD ROLE IN DEALING WITH THE COMMODITY PROBLEM.)

SECRETARY: WITH RESPECT TO COMMODITIES? THESE ARE THE SPECIFIC PROPOSALS THAT WE HAVE PUT FORWARD. WE ARE PREPARED TO EXAMINE OTHER FORUMS WHERE THIS MIGHT BE CONSIDERED.

QUESTION: MR. SECRETARY, YOU SPOKE AT THE OUTSET OF DEVELOPING A KIND OF ARCHITECTURE TO STRUCTURE THE WORLD AS WE CAN SEE IT DEVELOP. IN YOUR TALKS THIS MORNING WITH THE FRENCH PRESIDENT DID YOU FIND HIM LOOKING AT THE SAME STRUCTURE, OR DID HE HAVE A HOUSING PLAN OF HIS OWN?

SECRETARY: WELL, I THINK THAT FRANCE PRIDES ITSELF ON ITS INDEPENDENT FOREIGN POLICY. OBVIOUSLY WE HAVE NO RPT NO OBJECTIONS TO FRANCE HAVING AN INDEPENDENT FOREIGN POLICY. ON THE WHOLE MY IMPRESSION WAS OF A CONSIDERABLE MUTUALITY OF APPROACH. THERE COULD BE UNCLASSIFIED

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OCCASIONAL DIFFERENCES IN TACTICS. THERE MIGHT BE A DIFFERENCE IN EMPHASIS, BUT I THOUGHT ON THE OVERALL APPROACH THAT THE TALKS WERE VERY SATISFACTORY AND WERE CONDUCTED IN A VERY CONSTRUCTIVE AND POSITIVE ATMOSPHERE.

QUESTION: MR. SECRETARY, I NOTICE THAT THERE IS SOME CHANGE IN THE TIME FRAME, WHEN YOU SPOKE THIS MORNING, I BELIEVE IT WAS A MONTH, AND NOW YOU ARE SPEAKING OF A FEW MONTHS.

SECRETARY: IT COULD BE A QUESTION OF MY ACCENT - THAT YOU DID NOT HEAR THE "S". NOTHING HAS CHANGED BETWEEN WHAT I SAID THIS MORNING AND WHAT I SAID THIS AFTERNOON. WE ARE PREPARED TO BEGIN DISCUSSIONS IMMEDIATELY. WE ARE IN DISCUSSIONS NOW WITH OUR IEA PARTNERS. WE WILL BE DISCUSSING IN THE NEAR FUTURE AFTER CONCLUSIONS HAVE BEEN REACHED WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF FRANCE, AND WILL CONTINUE EXPLORATORY TALKS WITH THE PRODUCERS. WE HAVE NO RPT NO REASON TO HOLD UP THE RESUMPTION OF THE PREPARATORY CONFERENCE. SOMETIME IN THE NEXT MONTHS, WITH AN "S" AT THE END; AND THAT'S WHAT I INTENDED TO SAY THIS MORNING.

QUESTION: FOLLOWING PRESIDENT FORD'S DISCUSSION WITH PRESIDENT SADAT IN SALZBURG, AND PRIME MINISTER RABIN IN WASHINGTON DO YOU PLAN TO GO BACK TO THE AREA FOR A NEW SHUTTLE DIPLOMACY?

SECRETARY: WELL, THE METHOD OF THE DIPLOMACY
IS NOT RPT NOT WHAT IS CRUCIAL, AND IT DEPENDS, OF
COURSE, ON WHAT PROGRESS IS MADE AND TOWARD WHAT
PARTICULAR END. THE UNITED STATES HAS NOT EXCLUDED ANY
PARTICULAR APPROACH. ON THE CONTRARY WE ARE PREPARED
TO PURSUE ANY APPROACH THAT MAKES PROGRESS TOWARD
PEACE. WE HAVE EXCLUDED A STALEMATE OF ANY DURATION.
SO IN PRINCIPLE WE ARE PREPARED TO BE HELPFUL IN WHAT-
EVER DIRECTION THE PARTIES
CONCERNED BELIEVE WOULD BE MOST USEFUL TO THEM.

THANK YOU, MR. SECRETARY.
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